

# Senate File 2125 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON VETERANS  
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(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3066)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning eligibility for receiving a Vietnam Conflict  
2 veterans bonus for a certain period of active duty military  
3 service and including an effective date and retroactive  
4 applicability provision.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 1 Section 1. Section 35A.8, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code  
2 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1 3 a. The executive director shall provide for the  
1 4 administration of the bonus authorized in this subsection.  
1 5 The ~~commission~~ department shall adopt rules, pursuant to  
1 6 chapter 17A, as necessary to administer this subsection  
1 7 including but not limited to application procedures,  
1 8 investigation, approval or disapproval, and payment of claims.

1 9 Sec. 2. Section 35A.8, subsection 5, paragraph b,  
1 10 subparagraph (1), Code Supplement 2007, is amended to read as  
1 11 follows:

1 12 (1) A person who served on active duty for not less than  
1 13 one hundred twenty days in the armed forces of the United  
1 14 States, and who served on active duty at any time between July  
1 15 1, 1973, and May 31, 1975, both dates inclusive, and who at  
1 16 the time of entering into active duty service was a legal  
1 17 resident of the state of Iowa, and who had maintained the  
1 18 person's residence in this state for a period of at least six  
1 19 months immediately before entering into active duty service,  
1 20 and was honorably discharged or separated from active duty  
1 21 service, or is still in active service in an honorable status,  
1 22 or has been retired, or has been furloughed to a reserve, or  
1 23 has been placed on inactive status is entitled to receive from  
1 24 moneys appropriated for that purpose the sum of seventeen  
1 25 dollars and fifty cents for each month that the person was on  
1 26 active duty service in the Vietnam service area, within the  
1 27 dates specified in this subparagraph, if the veteran earned  
1 28 either a Vietnam service medal or an armed forces  
1 29 expeditionary medal-Vietnam or can otherwise establish service  
1 30 in the Vietnam service area during that period. Compensation  
1 31 under this subparagraph shall not exceed a total sum of five  
1 32 hundred dollars. Compensation for a fraction of a month shall  
1 33 not be considered unless the fraction is sixteen days or more,  
1 34 in which case the fraction shall be computed as a full month.

1 35 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE == RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This  
2 1 Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon  
2 2 enactment and is retroactively applicable to July 1, 2007, and  
2 3 is applicable on and after that date.

### EXPLANATION

2 5 This bill concerns the Vietnam Conflict veterans bonus for  
2 6 active duty military service between July 1, 1973, and May 31,  
2 7 1975.

2 8 The bill provides that the department of veterans affairs,  
2 9 not the commission of veterans affairs, establish rules  
2 10 concerning this bonus.

2 11 The bill also provides that the bonus is available to a  
2 12 person who served on active duty for no less than 120 days and  
2 13 who served, for any length of time, between July 1, 1973, and  
2 14 May 31, 1975. Current law provides that the person had to  
2 15 serve on active duty at least 120 days between July 1, 1973,

2 16 and May 31, 1975.

2 17 The bill takes effect upon enactment and is retroactively

2 18 applicable to July 1, 2007.

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